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UPCOMING EVENTS

June

11-13	SAREX Tulsa
18-20	Aerospace America Will Rogers
19-26	Cadet Encampment Bacone College
20-27	Texas GSARSS

July

11-18	Cadet Leadership School
17-24	SWR Staff College
31-1	SLS Norman

August

6-14	NFA - Bacone College MKO
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13-14	SAREX MLC
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19	National Aviation Day
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28-29	CLC Norman
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September

18-19	CN Training Chickasha
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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER

Col. Virginia Keller

If you have been watching the coverage of the dedication of the World War II memorial and other related stories of the greatest Generation, I am sure you have been impressed with the courage and character shown by the people who lived, fought and died during that period.

The founders of Civil Air Patrol were of that cloth and thus formed our organization in which members are held to high personal standards of integrity, proficiency and self discipline. In all CAP flew a half-million hours during Word War II, and 64 CAP aviators lost their lives.

I hope each member of the Oklahoma Wing feels the pride of belonging to this wonderful organization. Nothing remains the same and CAP continues to change with the times but our founding principles remain unchanged.

Virginia Keller, Col, CAP
Oklahoma Wing Commander

“Semper Vigilans”

JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

June has been designated as National Safety Month by the National Safety Council. Safety is defined as being free from risk or danger. Now more than ever, we must think of ways to be free from risk or danger and what better time to look for ways to be safe. It is a time to increase awareness of danger in the workplace, at home, on the

highways, and every other place you might be throughout the world. For more information visit the National Safety Council web site at: <http://www.nsc.org>.

Drive Safe!
Fly Safe!
Be Safe!



LT COL NORMAN M. EDWARDS MEMORIAL AWARD

The Oklahoma Wing has established a perpetual award in memory of Lt Col Norman M. Edwards. It will be presented to the Oklahoma Wing CAP Member who best exhibits:

A High Level of Commitment
Professionalism in Service
Encouragement to Others

This award was presented at Wing Conference in Tulsa and the first recipient was Lt Col Joe Smith.

Congratulations to Joe
on a Well Deserved Honor!



AIR BP ENTERS INTO PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH CIVIL AIR PATROL

Jim Shea Director, Strategic Partnerships -National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol

Jim Shea Director, Strategic Partnerships at the National Headquarters of Civil Air Patrol recently announced that Air BP and Civil Air Patrol entered into a partnership agreement. The following are some of the excerpts from the press release:

Civil Air Patrol has entered into a corporate partnership agreement with Air BP, one of the world's largest suppliers of aviation fuels.

While terms of the agreement were undisclosed, Air BP's support of Civil Air Patrol will include funds to support CAP youth development programs. In return, Air BP will receive the right to use the CAP name and corporate supporter mark in the company's advertising, marketing and promotional programs during the year.

"We want to thank Air BP for their support," said Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling, CAP national commander. "Air BP believes strongly in the work being done by CAP volunteers across this country. And through Air BP's financial support of our cadet programs, they are helping in the development of our future leaders."

"CAP's dual commitment to our homeland security and the development of our future aviators, both those who fly for the love of flying and the ones who invest their talents into civil service, is a very noble and just cause," said Mike Delk, President of Air BP Aviation Services. "We are honored to be a component of CAP and appreciate the good work being done by their team."

"We are extremely pleased with Air BP's decision to become an official corporate partner," said Al Allenback, CAP executive director. "It's a great partnership between two well-known brand names in aviation. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship."



**June 14th is Flag Day
God Bless America**

FAA PRAISES CAP CADETS AND SQUADRON

Provided by Captain Jim Harig Muskogee Nighthawks Ok-024

The following is a copy of a letter that we received from the FAA that was for work by our squadron and Wing cadets during the Muskogee Airshow:

04/21/2004

Commander, Muskogee Nighthawk Squadron
ATTN: Captain Jim Harig
Civil Air Patrol

Captain Harig

My name is Steve Keesey; I am an Aviation Safety Inspector for the FAA, Oklahoma Flight Standards District Office. Saturday, April 17, 2004 I had the privilege of working your Squadron during the Muskogee air show.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend these young Men and Women for a job well done. They are a credit to their uniform, Squadron and deserve to be recognized.

During the morning events while conducting my safety surveillance of the War bird ramp, I discovered an unsafe condition that posed a risk to the spectators. I made contact with Mr. Maples whom quickly and effectively established a perimeter per my request to secure the area of concern. During the day I returned for follow-up inspections and found your personnel in position and Mr. Maples actively engaged in the supervision of this area.

It is a credit to your leadership this Squadron represents, and I am proud to have fine young people to work with in securing the safety of Aviation events.

Thank you for a job well done in helping maintain aviation safety.

Serve With Pride !

Sincerely,

Steve Keesey
Aviation Safety Inspector

CADET HERNDON'S AWARD STREAK CONTINUES

Provided by Lt. Colonel Ida Berchtold, CAP

Cadet 2nd Lt. Dallas Herndon recently followed up his impressive Mitchell Award presentation at the Oklahoma Wing Conference by being named the Outstanding Cadet NCO for 2003 by the Air Force Sergeants Association. He earned this award by recruiting at least two new members for the squadron, earning his encampment ribbon, consistently being authorized to wear the gold cord for academic excellence, and actively participating in the cadet and ES programs. Sgt. Bosworth of the Air Force Sergeants Association presented the award, and participated in a short discussion of

why she joined the Air Force. Her unique perspective of being a member of the Air Force, married to an Army officer, was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.

This comes on the heels of being named as the Comanche Eagles' Outstanding Cadet of the Year for 2003 by the Air Force Association. Our State Director, Hal Gary, was proud to present this award to Dallas at a meeting, and stay a bit to talk with the cadets on careers in the Air Force.

CAP-2004 SPACE CAMP & AVIATION CHALLENGE®

Capt John Gonzales Director of Cadet Programs

CAP cadets have a special opportunity to attend Space Camp and/or Aviation Challenge at a significant discount this summer. Information from the flier explains all the details.

Cadets who complete either program qualify for the National Cadet Special Activities Ribbon.

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